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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
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SUBJECT : Overseas Press Club Speech

It's a bit difficult to get the Overseas Press Club people to give us much help on a subject for your speech.

My old buddy, [redacted], has told the OPC that you are exceptionally interesting in off-the-record chats about China. He has suggested that -- contrary to what everyone might expect at the Overseas Press Club banquet -- you might want to talk about China.

Other officers of the OPC simply repeat that you might wish to talk about the Agency or use the OPC as a forum for making some statement.

There are a few things to keep in mind:

Your off-the-record background chats on China are one thing but a full-blown banquet address on China is quite another. If you want to talk on China, you may want a text with some degree of coordination all around the ball park.

If you wish to say anything about the Senate Select Committee report, here is a chance to make some brief comments.

On the other hand, you may want to make a report on carrying out the Executive Order. The speech will be the first one you make before an audience of any size after having selected your two new deputies.

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